

Chapter 406

(House Bill 197)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County – Education – Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program in ~~the State Department of Education~~ Prince George's County; requiring the ~~Department~~ Prince George's County Board of Education, after consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to implement the Program for a certain number of students in public high schools in Prince George's County; authorizing the ~~State Department of Education~~ Prince George's County Board of Education to collaborate with certain local community organizations; specifying the purpose of the Program; defining a certain term; requiring the ~~State Department of Education~~ Prince George's County Board of Education to report annually to certain committees of the General Assembly; authorizing the Prince George's County Board of Education to use certain funds to implement certain provisions of law; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program in Prince George's County.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 7–415.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education**7–415.1.**

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE YOUTH WELLNESS LEADERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM IN ~~THE DEPARTMENT~~ PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.

(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.

~~**(B) (C)**~~ **THERE IS A YOUTH WELLNESS LEADERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM IN ~~THE DEPARTMENT~~ PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

~~**(C) (D)**~~ **THE ~~DEPARTMENT~~ PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND**

MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL ESTABLISH THE PROGRAM FOR 125 STUDENTS IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

~~(D)~~ (E) THE ~~DEPARTMENT~~ PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN YOUTH-LED HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADVOCACY PROGRAMS.

~~(E)~~ (F) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

(1) PROMOTE YOUTH-LED HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADVOCACY SKILLS; AND

(2) TEACH STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM SKILLS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

(I) HEALTH AND WELLNESS;

(II) ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE;

(III) PEER EDUCATION;

(IV) LEADERSHIP;

(V) CAREER DEVELOPMENT; AND

(VI) ECONOMIC WELL-BEING.

~~(F)~~ (G) THE ~~DEPARTMENT~~ PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM.

(H) TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY USE FUNDS DONATED FROM A LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2018, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.